

Winter Ready - Home Winter Checklist

Stop condensation before it starts

- ☐ Lids on pans; bathroom fan on during and 15 min after showers
- ☐ Never dry laundry on radiators without a dehumidifier running (one load = ~2 litres of water)
- ☐ 10-minute cross-ventilation burst daily - windows open both sides, then shut
- ☐ Hold 50-60% humidity: run the dehumidifier on its humidistat (~5p/hour when running)
- ☐ Pull furniture 5cm off cold external walls; check behind wardrobes monthly

Heat the room, not the bill

- ☐ Heat the room you're in, not the house - a 1.5kW heater beats firing the whole system
- ☐ Cost/hour = watts / 1000 x your p/kWh (2kW at 27p = 54p flat out; a thermostat halves it)
- ☐ Set the thermostat and leave it - cycling off is the only real economy
- ☐ Oil-filled for rooms you live in; fan heaters for 10-minute warm-ups only

Safety, always

- ☐ Nothing draped over heaters; 1 metre clear of curtains and bedding
- ☐ Heaters plugged straight into the wall - never extension leads
- ☐ Test smoke and CO alarms monthly; never run outdoor generators indoors
- ☐ Empty and dry the dehumidifier tank weekly to keep it fresh

